

For Immediate Release

Naomi Ulsted appointed Belloni Ranch's Executive Director

August 10, 2021

The Board of Directors is delighted to announce the appointment of Naomi Ulsted as Executive Director at Bob Belloni Ranch effective August 16, 2021.



Naomi comes to us with extensive experience in executive management, most recently as the Operations Director for MTC in the Salt Lake City area where she provided technical assistance and support to multiple educational contracts, focusing on career and technical education, academics, recruitment/admissions, and placement. Naomi was instrumental in developing and implementing procedures and programming to ensure clients received cutting edge workforce training.

Prior to her most recent position, Naomi also worked in several leadership positions with the Job Corps, across Oregon for over a decade.

During her tenure with the organization, Naomi provided leadership for 80 full time staff at Springdale Job Corps, including the Troutdale site and the northwest Portland site. Some of her key accomplishments include:

- Partnering with public and private entities to ensure cutting edge career and technical education training. Naomi brokered partnerships with community colleges and four-year universities to ensure pathways to success for students.
- Spearheading the campus' transition to a trauma informed care approach and establishing a positive normative culture. The center moved from a ranking of 60 to 22 during that time, with an increased graduation rate of 25%.
- Ensuring compliance with Department of Labor and operator regulations, and maintaining diplomatic and productive relationships with elected officials, business partners, educational partners, and Department of Labor representatives.
- Overseeing contract's operations and labor budget and ensuring contractual obligations to the Department of Labor were met in accordance with Federal Acquisitions Regulations. In her role, Naomi ensured facilities were safe and in order, operated within budget and maintained smoothly operating administrative departments.

Naomi also collaborated with Business Development to research, write and present proposals for Job Corps contracts. Traveled to multiple regional Department of Labor office as part of the contracts presentation teams.

Naomi's prior experience has also seen her provide leadership in programs areas including career and technical training, high school and GED programs, adult basic education, dormitories, recreational programming, student medical services, counseling, and records.

Naomi also created PIVOT high school classes and schedule, enabling students to earn high school diplomas through collaboration with the Springdale High School (accredited by AdvanceEd). Led the team in developing curriculum, evaluating incoming transcripts, scheduling all students.

Naomi has also managed the Tongue Point Job Corps' Academic Department, including GED and high school programs, literacy and numeracy skills, drivers' education, English as a Second Language and the Advanced Career Training (college) program.

Naomi has a strong academic track record, with a Master's Degree in English Language and Literature/Letters from Portland State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Linfield College.

In her spare time, Naomi has volunteered serving on Oregon's Worksystems Workforce Investment Board, assisting with overseeing, and providing insight and direction to Worksystems and our social service, education, and training partners. Naomi participated on the Government Affairs subcommittee, working to inform and educate state and local representatives and influence the state's legislative agenda to provide more support for the Board's goals and priorities.

Additionally, Naomi has given of her time to Family of Friends Mentoring where she mentored young children, meeting consistently each week to support, talk and laugh. In this volunteer position, Naomi provided coaching and support.

Bob Belloni Ranch is delighted to welcome Naomi back to Oregon and to our organization as she leads us into our 53rd year of service to young people and families across the state.

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